

but they were not prioritized. If this bill is so important, it should have been prioritized. Every committee gets so many bills to prioritize, every senator gets a bill, it should have been prioritized. I can't believe that it is that much more important than any other bill that it has to go this session. But I think every committee, in order to be treated fairly, needs to...we need to keep the present process that we have about only so many bills can be prioritized. But I'm going to support the bracket because I think we are going to spend all morning here on this bill, and there are bills that are priorities that are behind this bill that will not be heard probably this session because of this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. This morning we have guests of Senator Wehrbein. We have 63 fourth grade students from Eagle Elementary in Eagle, Nebraska and their teachers, and they are in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. Senator Crosby, you are next.

SENATOR CROSBY: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called, do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate, have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Hall, would you like to close on your motion to bracket?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The reason for the bracket motion is clearly to take the bill off the agenda for purposes of not having to deal with the myriad of amendments that are lined up, stacked up, probably had to be wheeled in with a two-wheeler this morning for purposes of addressing this bill. You can tell that the Clerk's back looks out of sync just because of the fact that the pile had to be so heavy. But, you know what, you could have found these bills if you wanted to. All you had to do was look to General File. Each and every one of them that is offered here is sitting on General File. Some of them happen to be about maybe 15 bills